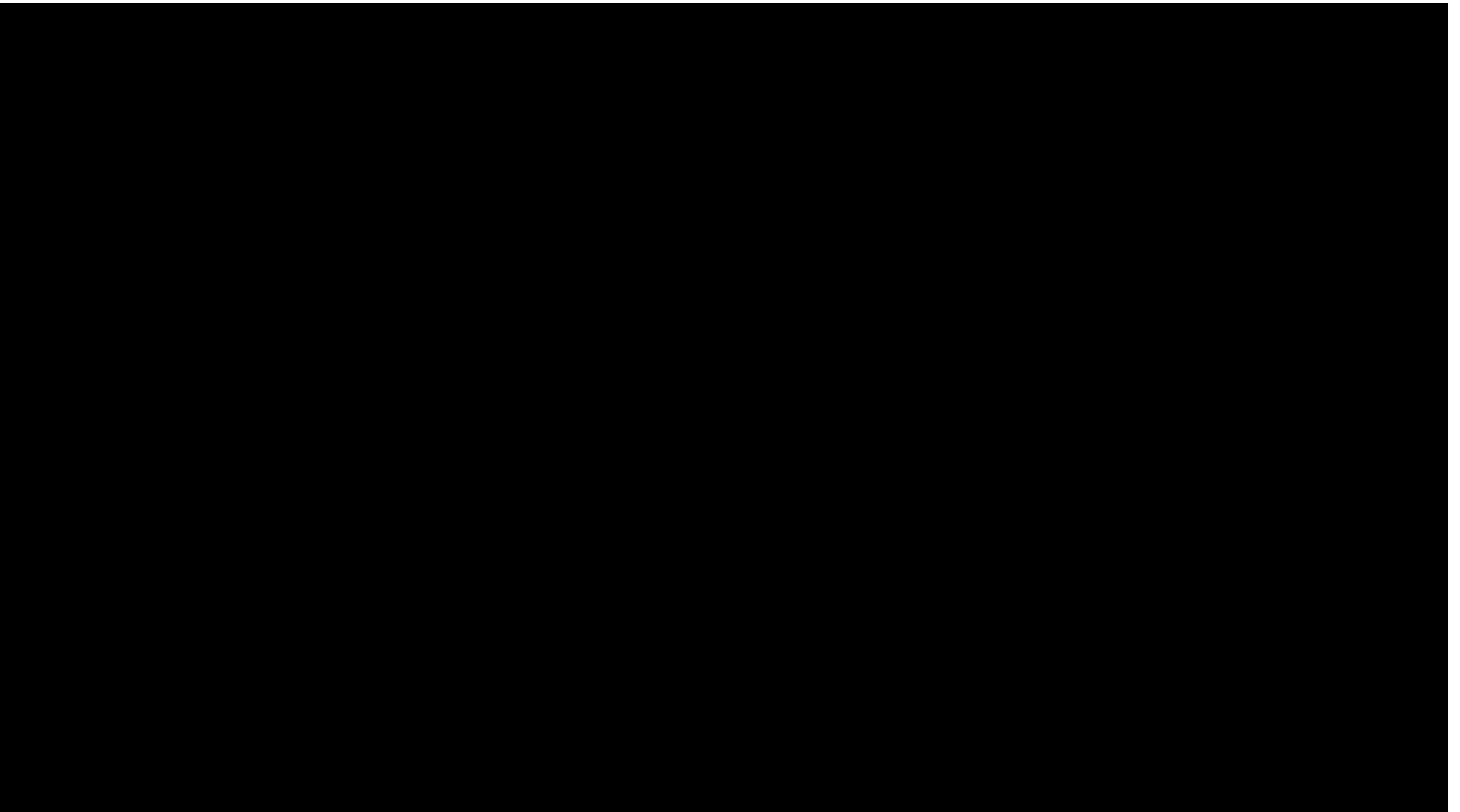


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### Questions Relating to Relevant Clauses in the Bill

#### Clause 1

The "Remuneration Board" better reflects the purpose of the body

Select the option which best reflects your view. Listed are Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Strongly Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

I get the impression that allowing former MLAs or member of political parties risk having a conflict of interests.

Who is to say that a former MLA and a serving member of the Independent financial review panel would not seek re-election at a subsequent election or indeed they may be co-opted back into the assembly.

It leaves a very negative impression on public perception.

#### Clause 2

It is appropriate for the determination of Assembly members' salaries and pensions to be determined by an independent panel/board rather than by the Assembly Commission.

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Strongly Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

I think overall the expense are rather high eg £600 for mobile phone. There needs to be a reduction in cost of expenses

It is appropriate for the determination of adequate resources required by Members for the exercise of their functions to be determined by the Assembly Commission rather than by an independent panel/board.

Select the option which best reflects your view. Listed are Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree: Strongly Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

The independent panel should reflect all levels of society so they can use their lived experience to determine reasonable costs

### Clause 3

The independent panel/board should have regard to the salaries payable to members of other legislatures when making determinations as to the salaries payable to Members of the Assembly

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree:  
Strongly Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

The Northern Ireland Assembly should have the confidence to lead rather than follow other legislatures.

Indeed given the lack of delivery and scrutiny in certain circumstances the expenditure by elected representatives in Northern Ireland should be lower than other jurisdictions

The legislatures listed above are the appropriate legislatures to consider when making such determinations

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree:  
Strongly Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

The economies in these jurisdictions are performing differently to NI.

Secondly, the size of the electorate should reflect the level pay

Thirdly the performance or lack of performance and delivery needs to reflect the level of pay

### Clause 4

The temporary filling of vacant positions on the board/panel should be permitted, pending the appointment of replacements.

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree:  
Strongly Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

The permanent appointment should be able to be made in reasonable timeframe otherwise it implies that temporary appointments could become long term. There needs to be strict deadlines on appointments replacement board members

### Clause 5

Former Members of the Assembly should be permitted to sit on the panel/board.

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree:  
Strongly Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Reasons explained earlier.

Possible conflict of interests through seeking re-election or co-option

### Clause 6

It is appropriate for determinations to be made at least 6 months before the date of the poll for the Assembly elections.

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree:  
Neither Agree nor Disagree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Provision should be made to require determinations to be published in draft and made the subject of consultation.

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree:  
Strongly Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Definitely as long as consultation means public consultation

Consultation should be undertaken before the Board issues determinations more than once in respect of an Assembly, or otherwise than in accordance with the timing rules set out in subsection (2).

Choose option that best reflects your views. List is Strongly Agree Agree Neither Agree or Disagree Disagree Strongly Disagree:  
Strongly Agree

Enter any comments you have relating to this question:

Yes as long as there is public consultation. The responses of the public consultation are published

## Additional Comments and Observations

Additional Comments and Observations (including on Clauses 7 to 11)

Enter any additional comments or observations you have on the Bill, including on Clauses 7 to 11.: